

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicants:</b>	Colandrea, <i>et al.</i>	<b>Art Unit:</b> 1614
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/575,790	
<b>Case No.:</b>	21419YP	
<b>Filing Date:</b>	April 12, 2006	
<b>For:</b>	(3,4-DISUBSTITUTED)PROPANOIC CARBOXYLATES AS S1P (EDG) RECEPTOR AGONISTS	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2009, setting forth a shortened period for response ending April 2, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees required in connection with this Amendment may be taken from Merck deposit no. 13-2755.

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 30 of this paper.